

## PLACER COUNTY SHERIFF CORONER-MARSHAL



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## PRESS RELEASE

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**DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE:** November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2002 7:00 PM

NATURE OF CALL: Search and Rescue

**LOCATION OF CALL:** Bear Lake - Barker Pass area

CASE NUMBER: SO-02-19447

RELEASED BY: Sergeant Bill Langton

## SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

On Friday evening, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at approximately 6:45pm, the Placer County Sheriff's Department received a report of an overdue mountain biker on the West Shore of Lake Tahoe. The biker, Peter Street, 56 years old of London, England was visiting the area for the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. He left to go for a bike ride Friday afternoon around 1:30pm and had not been seen since. He told family members that he was going to ride in the Miller Lake / Rubicon Trail area.

Sheriff's Department personnel deployed Search and Rescue (SAR) teams in the area throughout the night and were joined in the morning by El Dorado County Sheriff's Department SAR members. These included all terrain cycles, foot teams, canines, 4x4's and two helicopters after daybreak.

Saturday morning, at approximately 9:45am, Street was spotted by our Sheriff's helicopter, Eagle One in the area of Bear Lake, southwest of Barker Pass. Street was found to be in good condition complaining only of being cold and hungry. He was airlifted to the Truckee Airport and then given a ride back to his awaiting family members.

Street had ridden up into the Miller Lake and Barker Pass areas when he became disoriented and was overcome by darkness. He built a "lean-to" and spent the night near Bear Lake. He was trying to find his way out when he was spotted by Eagle One.

Anyone traveling in the back country is encouraged to plan ahead. Wear proper clothing and take food & water. Make sure that someone is aware of your route and if possible, take a means of communication with you such as a cellular telephone or family service radio.

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